(e) whether the programme is being funded by World Bank; and

(f) if so, by when the World Bank assistance is likely to be received for impiementing RCHP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Reproductive & Child Health (RCH) Programme aims to meet the unmet needs of Family Welfare Programme by improving health status of women & children and reducing infant, child and maternal mortality and morbidity.

(c) The RCH Programme is a part of 100% centrally sponsored Family Welfare Scheme and had been launched by the Government of India on 15.10.97. The Programme will be implemented by all States/UTs.

(d) The approved outlay for RCH Programme during 9th Plan period is Rs. 5112.53 crores.

(e) Yes Sir. While World Bank is the major donor, many other International Agencies are also supporting the programme financially.

(f) The World Bank assistance for RCH Programme will be received from the current year 1997-98 itself on reimbursement basis.

Beedi Workers

32. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :
SHRI T. GOVINDAN :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have planned 20-Point welfare package for the beedi workers in the country;

(b) if so, the number of beedi workers proposed to be covered under the various welfare schemes, State-wise;

(c) the amount likely to be spent on various welfare schemes including Health Care during 1997-98, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite implementation of various welfare schemes for beedi workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Government does not have any specific programme by the name of 20-Point Welfare package for beedi workers. However various welfare measures in the fields of health, housing, education and recreation are being implemented under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976. There are estimated 43.64 lakhs beedi workers and all beedi workers are eligible for various benefits being extended under these schemes.

(c) and (d) Under the welfare fund scheme, the allocation of funds is not madet State-wise. However, sanctions for implementation of the schemes are issued Region-wise to the nine Regions spread throughout the country.

The region-wise allocation of funds is given in the Statement attached.

The implementation of welfare schemes under the welfare fund is reviewed periodically both at Centre as well as Region-level and remedial action where necessary is taken.

STATEMENT

The region-wise allocation of fund for 1997-98

S.No.	Region*	Amount (Rs. in thousand)
1.	Allahabad	1,74,51
2.	Bangalore	4,99,87
3.	Bhilwara	1,42,35
4.	Bhubaneshwar	1,42,25
5.	Calcutta	3,28,40
6.	Hyderabad	7,06,35
7.	Jabalpur	4,50,40
8.	Karma	1,52,25
9.	Nagpur	2,43,90
	Total :	28,40,28

*1. Allahabad region covers Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab & N.C.T. Delhi and U.T. of Chandigarh.

2. Bangalore region covers Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshdweep Islands.

3. Bhilwara region covers Rajasthan, Gujarat and Haryana.

4. Bhubaneshwar region covers Orissa.

5. Calcutta region covers Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Mozoram, West Bengal and Sikkim.

6. Hyderabad region covers Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

7. Jabalpur region covers Madhya Pradesh.

8. Karma region covers Bihar.

9. Nagpur region covers Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli.